

I am writing to support the ARRL position reported in this proceeding. It is my belief that the changes proposed by the ARRL will benefit the Amateur Radio Service in many ways, the main one being the increase number of licensed "HAMs" as a result of the code requirement being dropped for HF operation. This has been the major stumbling block to attracting new people into the service/hobby (in my experience). There are many intelligent individuals that would like to be able to communicate via Amateur Radio but do not do so because of the CW requirement. The league's proposal is a good way to bring the Amateur Radio Service into the 21st century.

My only dissent is in the refarming of the frequencies. Since the Advanced Class is no more I believe that the General Class license should be allotted all Advanced Class frequencies and that the Advanced Class should be allotted the Extra Class HF privileges. At the very least General privileges should be as follows:

160 meters	unchanged
80 meters	3775 khz and up
60 meters	unchanged
40 meters	7175 khz and up
30 meters	unchanged
20 meters	14175 khz and up
17 meters	unchanged
12 meters	unchanged
15 meters	21250 khz and up
10 meters	unchanged

Again, the ARRL's proposal can only bring good and more operators to the service.

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